

**TOWN OF BUCKEYE  
BUCKEYE, ARIZONA  
COUNCIL RETREAT  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2005  
MINUTES**

**Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce Building  
508 Monroe Avenue  
Buckeye, AZ 85326  
8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast was served at 8:00 a.m. Everyone was welcomed by Town Manager Carroll Reynolds.

Members Present: Mayor Hull, Vice Mayor Urwiller, Councilman Meck, Councilman Beard, and Councilwoman May.

Members absent: Councilman Doster and Councilman Garza.

Staff Present: Carroll Reynolds, Linda Garrison, Lucinda Aja, Ian Dowdy, Dave Dubois, Todd Paschal, Bob Costello, and Woody Scoutten.

Others Present: Megan Griego, Laurie Griffis, Larry Lambert, Valorie Swick, Jay Broadbent, Max Wilson, Mary Rose Wilcox, Tim Phillips, Doug Williams, Greg Jones, Larry Lambert, Brett Howe, Terri Lahea.

**Buckeye Main Street Coalition- Main Street Board**

**a. Property Purchase & Relocation of Nels-Benson (Raney) House**

Laurie Griffis said that we have several different options for the Raney House such as a museum or center of the proposed Town Square but time was running short for a decision. The Raney House could be used for meeting rooms and there are numerous possibilities for this structure. Jay Broadbent said that there is some land near the Chamber Building available to purchase at a later date. Planner Ian Dowdy was not sure that putting the Raney House on the main street (Monroe) would be appropriate for the vision of the future of Buckeye because it does not follow professional business guidelines. Laurie Griffis would like to see a more detailed plan for Buckeye's future.

**b. "Fast Track Improvements" in Downtown Area**

Jay Broadbent presented a "Fast Track Grant Program" where he suggested that up to \$5,000 of Town money could be spent without a bid process. Staff reported that Council must be involved if Town money is used and procedure must be followed. Murel Stephens said that visual improvements using the Fast Track approach would keep the Town looking nice.

**c. Downtown Revitalization Grant Application**

Mr. Broadbent stated that the application process uses a point system to fund and fourteen applications have already been filled out.

**d. Main Street Executive Director Progress Report**

Laurie Griffis said that 50 applications have been submitted for the Executive Director position. Richard Chapman, Economic Development Director will be included on the interview committee to interview approximately 15 people for this position. Council members are invited to sit in on the interview process. The salary will be a flat amount of \$50,000 and due to limited space it was suggested that the historical jail cell now being used as a storage room could be utilized as an office.

**e. Stabilization of Historic Town Hall**

An appraisal needs to be done to determine if renovation or just stabilization would be the most effective way to proceed. It would be less expensive to fix it cosmetically than to try to restore it historically because there has been much remodeling over the years. It appears that the roof is in good condition. It

was suggested that stabilizing the building and fixing it in phases, maybe using CDBG money or grants may be the best idea.

#### **Final Comments**

Murel Stephens said it was refreshing to see discussion of the community as a team. Vice Mayor Urwiller commented that he was glad to see this issue discussed and would like a reporting process to Council about future events. Grand Openings of new businesses will be advertised.

#### **Comments by Supervisor Max Wilson and Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox (Working Lunch)**

Doug Williams spoke briefly and distributed handouts reviewing Flood Control Objectives. He briefly reviewed completed and new projects. Approximately \$14 million dollars will be spent in the Buckeye area over the next 4-5 years. Buckeye is the fastest growing community with Goodyear close behind.

#### **General Update of Studies and MC Flood Control (Outlined in handouts)**

- a. Loop 303/White Tanks ADMP by Greg Jones
- b. Luke Wash Mapping
- c. White Tanks FRS #3 by Larry Lambert
- d. White Tanks FRS #4
- e. Buckeye FRS #1 by Brett Howe
- f. Lower Hassayampa WCMP by Greg Jones
- g. El Rio WCMP
- h. Buckeye/Sun Valley ADMS by Valerie Swick
- i. Downtown Buckeye Stormdrain Project
- j. Buckeye ADMP
- k. Sun Valley ADMP

#### **15 minute break**

#### **Discussion of Boards and Commissions by Carroll Reynolds**

The process needs to start now for the next budget year, Vice Mayor Urwiller and Councilwoman May will be included in the interviews.

#### **Discussion Assistant Town Manager**

The person chosen will take some of the workload of the Town Manager. A Manager Assistant with a college degree and preferably some past CEO experience will also help with this.

#### **Closing**

Carroll Reynolds concluded the retreat at 3:23 p.m. and thanked all for coming.

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**Dustin Hull, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Linda Garrison, Town Clerk**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Council Retreat held on the 26th day of February 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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**Linda Garrison, Town Clerk**

